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## Exit polls: Europe wins in Netherlands vote, extremism loses

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch voters overwhelmingly rejected anti-EU extremism in favour of pro-European pragmatism yesterday, electing centrist parties that will remain committed to debt-busting austerity.

The ruling Dutch Liberal party took the lead with 41 seats in yesterday's election, against the Labour party with 37 seats, according to latest state media prediction, while the anti-Islam PVV party of firebrand politician Geert Wilders suffered a humiliating defeat after changing tack to attack Brussels.

If confirmed the result would mean that current premier Mark Rutte would be called upon to form a new coalition that would keep the eurozone's fifth largest economy closely allied with European economic powerhouse Germany.

The exit polls by Ipsos Synovate said Rutte's VVD would win 41 seats in the new parliament, the PvdA Labour party

of former Greenpeace activist Diederik Samsom 40 seats and the more hard-left Socialist Party 15.

If the two main parties agreed an alliance, the VVD and Labour would have 78 seats, a majority sufficient to form a government in the 150-seat parliament. Wilders' PVV was set to win just 13 seats, almost half its previous tally of 24, exit polls said.

"That result shows a very large support in the Netherlands for Rutte's policy," VVD Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal told AFP at a victory party in The Hague. "It shows that making savings is the right course... The results shows that the Dutch are good allies of the Germans."

Rosenthal said the failure by former ally Wilders showed the Dutch were not extremist.

"It's very explicit that the Dutch don't like a very extreme European stand. We're a member of the EU and we should stick to it for many years to come," he said.

## 4 Americans including ambassador killed in Libya attack



**Chris Stevens**

BENGHAZI (AFP) - Washington's envoy to Libya and three other Americans were killed when a mob angered over a movie mocking Islam stormed the US consulate in Benghazi, sparking world outrage and drawing an apology from Libyan authorities yesterday.

President Barack Obama quickly ordered increased security at US diplomatic missions around the world, while slamming Tuesday's deadly assault in Benghazi, an Islamist stronghold in eastern Libya, that coincided with the anniversary of the September 11 attacks in the United States.

"I strongly condemn the outrageous attack on our diplomatic facility in Benghazi, which took the lives of four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens," Obama said. "I have directed my administration to provide all necessary resources to support the security of our personnel in Libya, and to increase security at our diplomatic posts around the globe."

A 50-strong unit US Marine counter-terrorism unit was en route to Libya to bolster security, a defence official said.

Stevens, a career officer with the US foreign service, had been in the country for less than four months after taking up his post in the capital Tripoli in May.

Witnesses said he was killed when angry Islamists late Tuesday attacked the consulate with



**The U.S. Consulate in Benghazi is seen in flames during the protest.**

rocket-propelled grenades before looting and torching the building.

A security source in Benghazi -- cradle of the 2011 uprising that toppled the regime of late dictator Moamer Kadhafi - said it was suspected that the envoy may have suffocated due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

A picture taken by an AFP photographer shows what witnesses say is an injured Stevens being aided by Libyans inside the premises of the consulate.

A US official said five or six Americans were wounded in the attack.

Libya's deputy ambassador to the United Nations, Ibrahim Dabbashi, said up to 10 Libyan security personnel were also killed or wounded.

Obama paid tribute to the Libyans who had given their

lives.

"Libyan security personnel fought back alongside Americans. Libyans helped some of the diplomats find safety and carried Ambassador Stevens's body to the hospital where we tragically learned that he had died," the US president said.

"The attack will not break the bonds between the United States and Libya."

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the killings should "shock the consciences" of people of all faiths but vowed that the actions of "a savage and small group" would not make Washington turn its back on Libya.

US officials said the precise circumstances of the attack were still under investigation and that it was too soon to conclude exactly what transpired.



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## Carbon War Room & New America Foundation joins Aruba



Sir Richard Branson, brain child behind the Carbon War Room, along with other entrepreneurs created a society to convert the island of Aruba to 100% renewable energy during the June 2012 UN conference in Rio - Rio+20. Their intent is to make Aruba the first economy of sustainable energy. Carbon War Room and New American Foundation are working together to create and execute an integral strategy for the transition of the entire economy, the first in the world, if they succeed.

The Society of Aruba with Carbon War Room and the New American Foundation will bring together the best expertise and political will to create and implement a strategy completely integrated for

sustainable prosperity. Aruba has already made some significant advances in the direction of sustainability with 20% of her energy coming from wind mills. Various solar projects in development as well as innovative projects for urban renovation designed to promote a greater social fusion with the surroundings are in the works.

The government of Aruba envisions, with the help of expertise from Holland, such as TNO, a production of 50% renewable energy within a short period. To achieve the remaining 50% remains a much greater challenge, but Aruba is looking ahead in working with world class partners like the Carbon War Room and the New American Founda-

tion to make this a reality.

The government's plan will include areas beyond the transition to renewable energy. They are intent on creating a world class destination where tourists and locals can walk; offer incentives for residents to save and use energy more efficiently, implement a policy for sustainability and wise growth in the tourism sector, create an exemplary vacation destination and create an agricultural sector on Aruba which makes use of the best mix of water resources.

The Smart Island Economies of the Carbon War Room, which was also launched during the Rio+20 Conference, is interested in developing a successful model of the plan for low carbon emission, and to duplicate this in other island of the Caribbean and the Pacific who would like to follow this route. The plan is to attract the top technological companies to work in Aruba. They also hope to be able to attract philanthropic funds at the early phase to capitalize on private investment.

The Carbon War Room will accelerate solutions of the private sector to use clean technology advantageously. The focus will be on breaking down barriers for obtaining capital for business solutions and to choose a policy based on the global sector. The New American Foundation is an institution of non-lucrative public policy and is not political, which invests in pioneering and new ideas to confront the next generation of challenges awaiting America and the rest of the world. Founded in 1999, the foundation is directed by President Steve Coll and an extraordinary Board of Directors, led by Eric Schmidt of Google.

## Exploring commercial ties with Medellin and Cali



ORANJESTAD -- One of the tasks of the Department of External Relations is to develop economic diplomacy in Aruba. Within that context, Zulema Dabian-Erasmus, the person charged with said task, developed a program for the visit of Dutch Kingdom Consuls based in Medellin and Cali, Colombia. Mr. Juan Esteban Restrepo, consul at Medellin and Mr. Gerrit Dirk van de Leur, consul in Cali, met with different stakeholders in Aruba just recently.

Both consuls indicated the existing possibilities for developing economic and commercial relations between Aruba and Colombia. It is interesting to note that during the course of the year, the relationship with the Dutch Kingdom and Colombia has evolved from being one of aid to one of commerce (trade) and that's where economic diplomacy plays an important role.

### Local program and plan of action:

#### Aruba Investment Agency

During Restrepo and van de Leur's visit to Aruba they paid a visit to ARINA. There they discussed different topics and

defined areas in which the consuls could lend assistance.

ARINA would send them information concerning economic areas for investment as well as information on projects like the BOAruba government program. ARINA also took the opportunity to invite these consul men to the upcoming Green Aruba Conference to be held here on Aruba.

### Department of Economic Affairs

Their next stop was a visit to the Department of Economic Affairs, where they discussed the import and export of products and services and other economic affairs. They also talked about the economic climate on Aruba for doing business here.

### Department of External Relations

Their program also included a visit to the Department of External Relations and a meeting with Director Drs. Andy Lee. Here they discussed the role of this Department to facilitate the contacts to realize the economic objectives of Aruba.

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## Private and public sectors meet to explore Jobs for Valero employees

ORANJESTAD -- Last Monday's government press conference was to inform the public on what the government is doing regarding the Valero employees who stand to lose their jobs on account of the closure of the refinery as an oil refinery.

The government reported that they have begun a new round of discussions with the National Dialogue team. Also, the Department of Labor (DAO) and the Department for Labor Progress (DPL) met last week with representatives of the HR division of Valero Houston and Aruba, along with their legal advisers.

What's more, informative sessions were held with the IOWUA union and DAO to discuss questions that were raised and to offer suggestions. At the end of the week there were also consultations with the government mediator, DAO, DPL and others, who helped to prepare a plan of action as to how to actually tackle this situation.

The information available at this time indicates that

Valero has a total of 176 job descriptions for which 30 will be for the transshipment process that will be introduced in Aruba. Of the 30 job descriptions a total of 66 persons are being considered to remain to fill those positions. Then, there are a number of employees who work in the company providing gasoline, truck drivers who provide jet fuel to the airport, etc. These services will remain intact and numbers 35 employees. This means that, a total of 101 employees will remain to form part of Valero's new operations on Aruba.

The data we have also shows that there are about 140 types of jobs that will be discontinued at Valero. For this reason the government has begun meeting with lawyers and union leaders representing employees, to ascertain from them what questions they have and to inform them of available jobs that the government and the commission will pinpoint in the upcoming week. On Tuesday they also plan to meet with FCCA, and the

Bankers Association. Later they will meet with two other groups separately, namely, the government NV's and the government sui generis organizations.

The government is exploring all possibilities for future alternatives that they can bring to the table on Thursday when they meet with some big companies on the island. Next Thursday they will meet with the big contractors on Aruba, accounting bureaus, and financial institutions. Following these, they intend to sit down with companies having to do with electricity, modernization and innovation, and finally with the hotel industry.

A job fair is in the making and should take place next month. This job fair will be done together with Valero. The international contacts have already been established. In addition, they are setting up an office in San Nicolas to provide assistance to those needing information, help with preparing letters, etc.

## Announcement of the Honorary Consul of Israel

When the sun sets on Sunday, September 16, the Jewish people around the world will welcome a New Year.

Rosh Hashanah 5773 services will start on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 P.M. at Beth Israel Synagogue, located at A. Lacle Blvd. # 2, Oranjestad. They will be led by Martin Aizenberg.

Visitors to the island are welcome. Please call 562 2071 for additional information.

## Revised work permits procedure for Valero employees

ORANJESTAD -- Within the context of the current situation at Valero, the government has reported that their policy with respect to work permits which are requested for specific positions will be revised. A letter has been sent to DPL and DIMAS from the Ministers informing them to revise the categories containing exceptions (specialized job functions normally impossible to find people for locally).

These categories will automatically receive exception of the process for obtaining a

work permit. These will be revised to determine which positions may still be able to fill with local persons leaving Valero at this time. Also, regarding the first permit, these will be limited exclusively to those positions we definitely cannot fill locally.

Hence, all permits for either 1 or 3 years, even if these are for extensions, will be put on hold for three weeks to determine if those employed in Valero can take on any of those jobs so there would be no need to extend any permit.



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## 6th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will feature Chaka Khan, Oscar de Leon, Fourplay and top regional musicians

CSJF Founder Erik Eman was joined by festival organizers Patrick Melchior, Mark Benson Denz, and Vicki Arends along with representatives from sponsors at Fusion Lounge to announce the confirmed line up for this year's event.

The Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad and the surrounding streets will once again be turned into the CSJF Plaza for the Columbus Day weekend, Friday and Saturday evenings, October 5 & 6. They were proud to announce a stellar line up featuring Chaka Khan, Oscar de Leon, Randy Brecker, Sven Hammond Soul, Fourplay, Kuenta y Tambu, Pete Philly, Frankie Yanga Trio, Diverse Sauzen, Reno Steba & Mike del Ferro, Upgrade Music, Rooster Farm Ft. Roger Peterson, Live X-pressions.

Musical performances under the stars begin at 6:30 PM nightly on any of three stages, continuing until 1:30 AM. Prior to the weekend there will be free warm up concerts all week long, beginning on Monday, October 1 at Hadicurari Pier, with Live X-pressions. Tuesday it will be the SMRW Jazz Band led by Johnny Croes at Arawak Gardens; both events begin at 7:30 PM.

Wednesday evening will feature Kuenta I Tambu at



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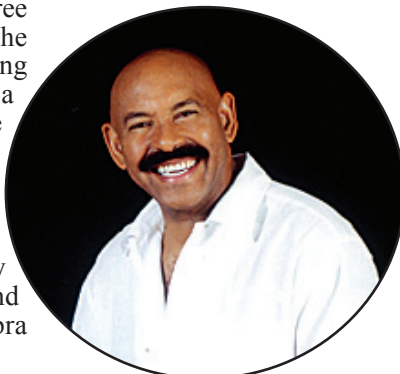
Chaka Khan

MooMba Beach Bar beginning at 9:00 PM, and the final free concert will be at Café the Plaza in Oranjestad featuring Sven Hammond Soul and a surprise performance. The show will begin at 7:30 PM. The great mood of the festival will continue until nearly dawn during after parties at Barefoot by Nikky Beach and Fusion Piano and Wine Bar in the Alhambra Shopping Mall.

Tickets are now on sale for CSJF 2012 at Cliffix, Moomba, Fun Miles, Superfood, CD's & More, De Palm Tours, Pelican Tours, Plaza Book Store and Purple Entertainment group. Superfood has a special promotion

to win tickets to the festival.

The weekend is a feast for the senses. There will be original fine art on exhibit and sale, a collection of gourmet restaurants offering bargain priced treats in the food court, and this year, Arion Wine will provide some fine vintages to complete the overall package for those that appreciate the finer things in life. Program coordinators have also made 1000 special priced tickets available for students through



Oscar D'Leon

the schools, to introduce them to quality interpretive music.

Tickets for each night of the festival are \$40 pre-sale and \$50 at the door. For full information on travel packages, the artists, schedule and ticket sales, visit the CSJF website: <http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com/> or call: 297/588-0211.

by Rosalie Klein

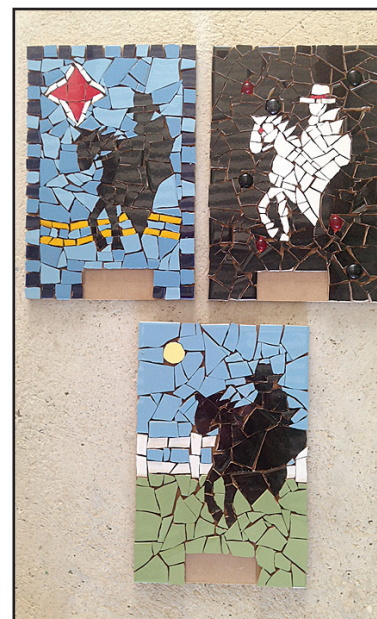
## Local artist makes interesting plaques

Every year organizers of Interpaso tries to come up with different prize ideas to award winners. They try to come up with creative ideas for awards. This year they discovered artist Wilma who uses her talent with mosaic to design plaques which they can present as awards to their winners in the different categories.

The plaques are different in their artistic design, giving each one a distinctive touch. Obviously, Wilma used the classic logo of Interpaso which blended well with her mosaic for the situation.

Ever since childhood, Wilma had creative abilities. She would constantly make things with her hands. Then it was something she sowed, a piece of carpentry, solder, etc. Upon arriving in Aruba she felt the need to join with different people in her creative exploits. She got her son interested in joining her. Later she got a group of children involved in creating beautiful art pieces.

Wilma currently has her creative classes in an old "Greyhound" bus she calls "Kreabus." In 2009 she began



holding classes in mosaic for persons of all ages. This expanded into organizing creative activities for all age groups. Wilma now organizes birthday parties where she would prepare all sorts of special attractions.

For the Interpaso plaques, Wilma will be working together with Janneke on producing the creative plaques. Janneke is a member of Wilma's mosaic group and an avid horse lover with her own horse at Villa Floralina.

Interpaso takes place this weekend at Villa Floralina. The event starts at 7:00 in the evening on Friday with their specially trained horses. On Saturday the program will begin at 5:00 pm with the Grand Classic of Paso Fino.

On Sunday the children's competition begins at 3:00 in the afternoon, with 6 gold medalists in action.



Kuenta i tambu



## Caribbean Festival is tonight!



SAN NICOLAS -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including folkloric musical groups, dance groups solo singers, limbo dance by "Miguel Philips" and Carnival show by "Carna-Aruba," and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan and Brass band."

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize your evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

## WWE Nights of Champions on Pay-Per-View on September 16!

SETAR is offering the WWE "Nights of Champions" event on Pay-Per-View. The event will be on September 16 at the TD Garden in Boston, Massachusetts. This is the fifth time that this event takes place and now Aruba can view it for the first time on PPV.

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take place that night are:

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## Exploring commercial ties...

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**ATIA and Santa Rosa**

Their final stop was a meeting with ATIA and Santa Rosa. The consul men were charged with the responsibility to provide us with concrete information concerning strategies regarding agriculture and livestock which could be relevant to Aruba. This information would be directed to the Director of Santa Rosa, Mrs.

Maduro.

ATIA's main focus was on creating a future commercial relationship with both Medellin and Cali. They discussed topics relating to the development of small and medium size businesses. ATIA invited the consul men to attend ATIA's Gala dinner in November which will have its focus on Colombia.





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## Officials: Pakistan factory fires kill 310

KARACHI (AFP) - More than 310 Pakistanis perished in horrific fires that destroyed two factories in Pakistan, an unprecedented industrial tragedy that prompted calls yesterday for an overhaul of poor safety standards.

At least 289 people died at a garment factory in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city and the capital of Sindh province, just hours after 21 died at a shoe factory in Lahore, close to the Indian border.

In scenes of horror, relatives watched as loved ones jumped from windows of the four-storey building in Karachi where hundreds were working in a bid to escape the blaze, which began late Tuesday.

Karachi fire chief Ehtesham Salim said rescue workers were facing problems retrieving more bodies from the basement as it was filled with hot water after efforts to extinguish fire.

"There are places in the basement which are still smouldering. Water we used to extinguish the fire has made a pool of hot water in the large area of basement and we are trying to cool it down."

"There is no electricity in the factory. Our operation has slowed down but we have not suspended our effort."

Karachi's top administration official, Karachi Roshan Shaikh, told AFP that more victims were being recovered

and that he expected the toll to rise.

The toll rose rapidly during the day as firefighters extinguished smouldering embers and found dozens of dead huddled together in the basement and ground floor of the factory, where they suspect that the fire began.

"We didn't find bodies in ones or twos, but in the dozens, which is why the death toll is increasing so alarmingly," said Salim.

Many of those on the upper floors of the building were rescued or jumped to escape the inferno, although dozens broke limbs on impact with the street.

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said he had ordered an inquiry into both fires. Officials said the factory in Karachi in particular was in poor condition and lacked emergency exits.

"The building has developed cracks and there is a danger it can collapse any time," Shaikh told Pakistan's private Geo TV channel. "Owners of the factory have been absconding and raids are being conducted for their arrest," he said.

Officials said two brothers who owned the company had been barred from leaving the country. "Their names have been put on exit control list," a senior government official told AFP.



**BRAZIL, Rio de Janeiro : A municipal social assistant leads a crack addict to a transport vehicle in the Jacare shantytown during an operation to clean the streets of crack addicts, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on September 12, 2012. (AFP PHOTO)**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Americas rights group regrets Venezuela's exit

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Latin America's official rights monitor voiced regret yesterday over a decision by Venezuela to withdraw from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the regional legal arbiter of alleged rights disputes.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), a body of the Washington-based Organization of American States, in a statement urged the Venezuelan state "to reconsider its rejection" of the Costa Rica-based court.

"It is of deepest concern to the Inter-American Commission that... the Inter-American Court will not be able to analyze violations of human rights that may occur in Venezuela," the IACHR said in a statement.

"This means that if Caracas completes the procedure it has begun, the inhabitants of Venezuela will be stripped of a mechanism to protect their human rights, will be left more vulnerable to abuses, and they

will have fewer resources available to defend themselves."

Leftist-populist Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's government made its departure process official last week renounced the relevant treaty and ushering in a one-year time-frame after which the decision becomes finalized.

For a year at this point, Venezuela still can be sued at the court.

The commission said it was very worrisome that human rights violations that could take place in Venezuela would not be able to be addressed by the inter-American court.

Chavez, 58, is seeking reelection on October 7 to a third term.

He warned that Caracas could leave the Inter-American

Human Rights Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights over criticism of his government's "inhumane treatment" of a political opponent.

Chavez frequently has voiced his utter disregard for the commission, after it swiftly recognized an interim government that tried to take over in a failed coup against him in 2002, and not his elected one.

Dropping out of the human rights bodies could lead to his country's exclusion from the OAS, further isolating Venezuela internationally.

Chavez, who is recovering from cancer, has a large following at home for populist, anti-American policies that have made him the best known face of the activist left in Latin America.

## 25 arrested as Bosnia moves on organised crime

SARAJEVO (AFP) - Bosnia has arrested 25 people as a result of the biggest police operation in nearly two decades, which is aimed at smashing organised crime in the Balkan country, an official said yesterday.

The police operation is the "the biggest and the most complex police operation in Bosnia" since the end of the 1992-1995 war, the head of the national investigation agency Goran Zubac told reporters.

It marked "the start of the end of organised crime" in the country, he added.

The criminal group is suspected of "drug trafficking, money laundering, murders... notably of police officers who were taking part in investigations against those crimes, but also of acts of banditism and abuse of power," Zubac said.

The group is also suspected of having executed at least five people in 2007 and 2008 in the region of Sarajevo, as well as stealing some 2.5 million euros (\$3.2 million) after robbing a bank and a post office, police said.

Twenty-five alleged members of the country's top organised crime gang have been arrested as a result, said a police statement.

Some 400 police officers took part in the operation, which saw some 40 people investigated and searches carried out in 30 locations throughout the country.

The former Yugoslav republic lies on the so-called Balkans route used by criminals to smuggle drugs, weapons and people towards Western Europe.

## SITE: US hostage appeals for help of Israel PM

DUBAI (AFP) - A US hostage held by Al-Qaeda made a "one Jew to another" appeal for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to help secure his release, SITE Intelligence Group reported yesterday.

Warren Weinstein, a relief worker with USAID who was captured in Lahore, Pakistan, in August 2011, appeared in a video on Islamist websites, the US-based monitoring group said.

In another video appeal in May, he asked US President Barack Obama to accept the demands of his kidnappers for an end to air strikes and the release of Islamists held in the United States.

Weinstein, who was shown wearing a white vest, said Obama had shown "no interest" in his case.

"Therefore, as a Jew, I am appealing to you, Prime Minister Netanyahu, the head of the Jewish State of Israel, as one Jew to another, to please intervene on my behalf, to work with the mujahedeen and to accept their demands," he said.



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## Innocence of Muslims creator Steve Klein said he felt no guilt over the death of Chris Stevens

One of the men behind the anti-Muslim film being blamed for the death of the US ambassador to Libya has claimed: 'It is not our fault, we told the truth'.

Steve Klein said that he did not feel guilty for the murder of John Christopher Stevens and that the mob who carried it out were to blame as they were following Mohammed's violent teachings.

Klein said that the film was designed to stop the Muslim population in America reaching 10 per cent as they would then 'work together and attack their host country'.

The film, which accuses Mohammed of being a fraud, paedophile and womaniser, sparked violent attacks against U.S. diplomatic compounds in Libya and Egypt on Tuesday, killing four American citizens.

The two-hour movie cost \$5 million to make and was financed with the help of more than 100 Jewish donors, who believe the film will help his native land by exposing Islam's flaws to the world.

A 13-minute trailer for the film, which is called either The



Steve Klein

Innocence of Muslims or Mohammed, Prophet of the Muslims, was first uploaded to YouTube in July, but did not receive much attention.

But last week, a version was dubbed into Arabic and reposted on the same YouTube channel.

It has since featured on Egyptian media reports for several days with ultraconservative clerics going on air to denounce it.

The amateur-seeming "Innocence of Muslims" film shows the Prophet Muhammad as a homosexual who endorses extramarital sex and pe-

dophilia. (Many Muslims consider physical or visual representations of Muhammad to be blasphemous.)

The film's producer and director, Sam Bacile — who is an Israeli-American and California real estate developer — is now in hiding.

According to Bacile, he produced the film to call attention to what he called the "hypocrisies" of Islam, and Bacile claims it was screened in full just once, to a mostly empty movie theater in Hollywood. Klein reportedly told Bacile: "You're going to be the next Theo van Gogh."

Bacile said he is concerned about family members in Egypt. "They're underground too, in hiding, he said."

## US flags lowered to half mast over ambassador killing

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Stars and Stripes atop the White House was lowered yesterday after President Barack Obama ordered all flags on government buildings to half mast to honor Americans slain in Libya.

"I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds," Obama said in a proclamation.

The order applies to all US military posts, diplomatic sites abroad and ships at sea, and will remain in force until sunset on September 16.

## UN Council, Ban say killing of US ambassador 'unjustifiable'

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The UN Security Council and UN leader Ban Ki-moon yesterday hit out at the killing of the US ambassador in Libya as "unjustifiable."

The 15-nation council put aside divisions over the NATO military action in Libya and the Syria conflict to agree on a statement condemning the deadly attack on the US consulate in Benghazi "in the strongest terms."

The council also strongly condemned an earlier mob attack on the US embassy in Cairo. Both have been blamed on anger over a film which mocks Islam and its prophet Mohammed.

The Security Council "reaf-

firmed that such acts are unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomsoever committed."

Ban was also "deeply saddened" by the Benghazi attack in which US ambassador Chris Stevens and three other US staff and a number of Libyan guards were killed, said a separate statement released by a UN spokeswoman Vannina Maestracci.

"The secretary general condemns this attack in the strongest terms," added the statement. "The United Nations rejects defamation of religion in all forms. At the same time, nothing justifies the brutal violence which occurred in Benghazi yesterday."

## PM: Britain ready to help US pursue Libya killers

LONDON (AFP) - Britain is ready to help Libya and the United States bring to justice those who killed the American ambassador in an attack in Benghazi, Prime Minister David Cameron said yesterday.

Cameron said he had sent a message to US President Barack Obama saying that the thoughts of people from across

Britain were with the United States after the "senseless attack".

"We look to the new Libyan authorities to do all in their power, as they have pledged to do, to bring the killers to justice. Britain stands ready to assist Libya and the United States in that task," Cameron said.



An interior view of the damage at the U.S. consulate, which was attacked and set on fire by gunmen yesterday.



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## Health & Living

### Latinos more vulnerable to Type 2 diabetes

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Latinos are more vulnerable to the most common form of diabetes because of how they store fat and produce insulin, according to a US study.

Latinos are more likely to store fat in the pancreas and less able to compensate by excreting additional insulin, said the study by experts at the Cedars-Sinai hospital in Los Angeles.

The Type 2 diabetes study compared white, black and Latino patients, similarly overweight and with similar prediabetic symptoms.

Lidia Szczepaniak of the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute and Biomedical Imaging Research Institute said some people are at increased risk because their fatty pancreas is unable to secrete enough insulin.

Nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes, while an estimated 79 million Americans are prediabetic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of heart disease and stroke, according to figures cited by Cedars-Sinai.

"Prevention of diabetes is our goal," said Richard Bergman, a lead author on the new study. "Not all people who are overweight or obese and who have insulin resistance go on to develop diabetes."

"If we can determine who is most likely to develop diabetes and why, then we can make strides toward preventing it in those individuals," he added.

### Toll at 12 dead in Canada Legionnaire's disease outbreak

MONTREAL (AFP) - The death toll from an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease in Quebec City has risen to 12 since late July, health authorities in the Canadian city said yesterday.

Officials said that 176 people

have so far been diagnosed with the disease, which poses a risk for people with weak immune systems but can be treated with antibiotics.

Officials suspect improper maintenance of air conditioning systems as the cause of the outbreak.

Legionella bacteria grow in stagnant water, then spread as droplets are expelled by the appliances.

The illness, which has an incubation period of between two and 10 days, is an infection that causes high fever, dry cough and pneumonia.

The disease was discovered in the United States in 1976 during a convention of the American Legion, an military veterans group, where 29 people died.

### Asthma patients may not need daily steroids: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Asthma patients may not need daily doses of inhaled steroids according to a study out, a finding that could alter treatment for millions suffering from the respiratory ailment.

Researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston found that people who use corticosteroids every day to control mild asthma do no better than those who use them only when they have symptoms.

"The discovery that these two courses of treatment do not differ significantly could eventually change the way doctors and patients manage asthma, providing an option that is easier to follow and possibly less expensive," said lead author William Calhoun in a statement.

Calhoun and his team drew their conclusions after monitoring more than 340 adults with mild to moderate persistent asthma in an attempt to as-

sess different strategies for long-term asthma care.

Making note of bronchial reactivity, lung function, days missed from school or work and the exacerbation of symptoms and attacks over a period of nine months, they found "no measurable difference" among treatment methods, according to the statement.

"We hope our findings prompt patients to talk with their doctors and become more active participants in effectively managing their condition," Calhoun said.

Currently, asthma patients are generally prescribed a twice-daily dose of an inhaled corticosteroid, such as beclomethasone or fluticasone, as well as albuterol to open the airways in the event of serious symptoms.

Some 25 million people in the United States have asthma. Taking into account medical

expenses, missed days of school and work and premature deaths, the illness costs about \$3,300 per individual on an annual basis, according to the statement.

The findings are published in the September 12 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.



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## Sci-Tech

### Skeleton found in English car park may be Richard III



Men dressed as medieval knights pose for pictures in Leicester in central England, at a site where a skeleton that researchers believe could be British medieval king Richard III was found.

LONDON (AFP) - British archaeologists announced that a skeleton found under a city centre car park in central England could be that of the medieval king Richard III.

Researchers from the University of Leicester said they had found a male skeleton with similarities to historical descriptions of Richard, who ruled England between 1483 and his death in battle in 1485. The remains, which are well preserved, are undergoing DNA analysis.

"What we have uncovered is truly remarkable," said Richard Taylor, the university's director of corporate affairs.

The team, which has been

excavating a car park in the city of Leicester for three weeks, said the skeleton had an arrow-head embedded in its back and had received blows to the skull consistent with injuries received in battle.

Today, Richard III is best known as the hunchbacked villain of a play by William Shakespeare -- and while the skeleton is not that of a hunchback, it does have a curved spine.

"This would have made his right shoulder appear visibly higher than the left shoulder," said Taylor.

The bones were found in what was once the choir area of a church believed to be the

king's resting place, which the archaeologists have uncovered beneath the car park.

Richard is thought to have been buried at the Franciscan friary of Grey Friars in Leicester after his death in the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, but the church was demolished in the 1530s and its location had been lost until now.

"The skeleton was buried in a grave without a coffin," said Richard Buckley, who led the dig. "It was probably a shrouded burial -- with no grave goods."

When asked whether he believed the skeleton was Richard III's, Buckley said: "He's a very strong candidate indeed but it's going to take a few weeks for the DNA analysis to come through."

The team used ground-penetrating radar equipment to pinpoint the best areas of the car park to begin the search.

They will use DNA from 55-year-old furniture-maker Michael Ibsen, a direct descendant of Richard's eldest sister, Anne of York, to try to get a match.

Ibsen, who lives in London, was born in Canada to Joy Ibsen, the 16th generation niece of Richard III.

His DNA will now be compared to samples taken from the skeleton, a process expected to take up to 12 weeks.

### Apple sells 7 million Mountain Lion upgrades in less than 2 months



Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook announced at Wednesday's keynote that his company's notebooks have ranked No. 1 in U.S. market share in the last 3 months. In all, the Mac has captured 27 percent of the overall PC market.

The Mac has also seen 15 percent year over year growth since the latest Macs launched in June, including the company's flagship 15-inch MacBook Pro with Retina display.

In comparison, the overall PC market has grown just 2 percent.

Cook also touted iPad sales, stating that Apple's share of the tablet market has grown from 62 percent a year ago to 68 percent this year. The iPad also represents 91 percent of all tablet Web traffic.

In all, 17 million iPads were sold in the June quarter, which was more than any PC manufacturer sold of their entire PC line.

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8. Open a bit
12. In a while
15. Doorbell-ringing company
16. Snooze act
17. Apothegm
18. Exigency
19. Cambodia's continent
20. First French consul
22. Substitute's place
23. Sooner than, in poetry
24. Boating blade
25. Take without a loss
27. Rambler, for one
28. Encourage to break a habit
29. Use an ax
32. Nailhead
34. Symbolized
35. Snake River's st.
36. "The \_\_\_ Seasons"
37. Construct
38. Change for a five
39. Dick Cavett, for one
40. Feature of Louise Brooks's 'do
41. Poet Wilfred
42. Slinky swimmer
43. Shape of an angry cat's back
44. Central Vietnamese port
45. UFO's landing spot?
47. Came across
48. Elec. unit
51. Dressler or Osmond
53. "The Little \_\_\_"
55. Elevator improver
56. Look over
58. Word on

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60. Do KP work
61. Truly puny
62. Cathedral part
63. Aid
64. "\_\_\_ Girls" (Gene Kelly flick)

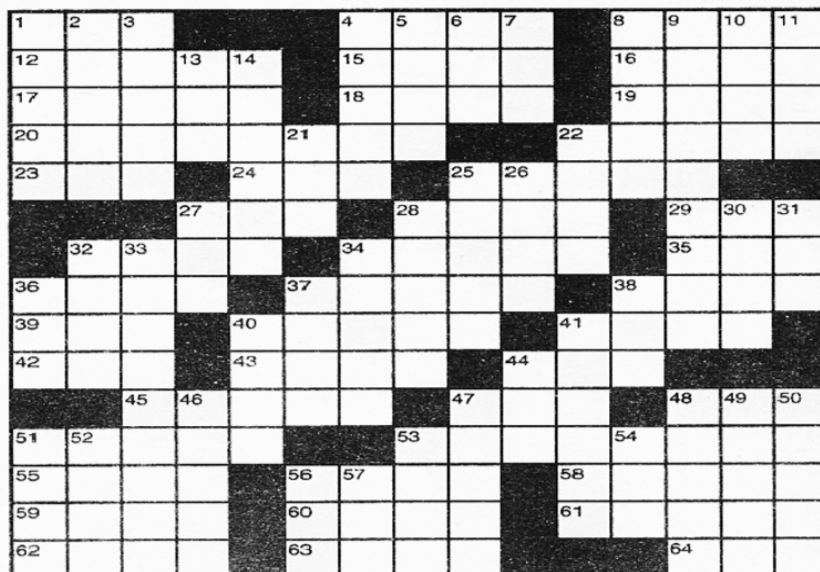
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2. Navigating device
3. Troops' camping spot
4. Imposing residence
5. Kitchen feature
6. Beluga product
7. The living \_\_\_
8. Weaken
9. First wife of

10. Song at La Scala
11. Peruse a pamphlet
13. Word before trip or maniac
14. Target-shooting instructor's command
21. Musician's asset
22. Transported
25. Crofts's singing partner
26. Hocus-pocus prop
27. Mangy mutt
28. Use a scale
30. Novelist
31. Has been
32. Bottom of the foot
33. Home of 20 Across
34. Belzer's "SVU" role

## ABLE WAS I...

36. Payment to a doctor
37. Abraham Simpson's grandson
38. Be obligated to Visa
40. Like Lady Godiva
41. Results
44. "On \_\_\_ Majesty's Secret Service"
46. Jet division
47. "Water Lilies" artist
48. Soviet co-op
49. Site of a major WWI battle
50. Gambols
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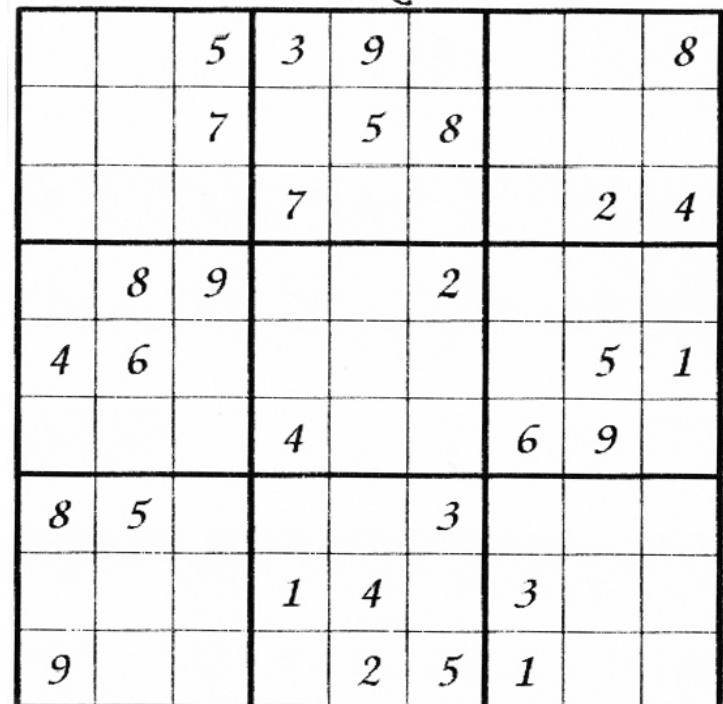
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## Fed meets under gun to act on weak US economy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve's policy board began a two-day meeting yesterday to weigh a fresh response to the weak US economy and stagnant jobs market.

The dollar fell against the euro and stock markets rose amid anticipation that the Federal Open Market Committee would decide on some form of monetary easing action.

Options, analysts said, include a strong verbal statement by the FOMC committing themselves to holding their benchmark interest rate at the current near-zero level through 2015.

But also possible is the launch of "QE3," a huge "quantitative easing" bond-buying program aimed at further depressing long-term interest rates.

"The Fed has made it clear that some form of easing will take place at its meeting this week. There seems little doubt that the easing will entail a strengthening of its verbal guidance on the low-for-long policy," said Peter Hooper and Torsten Slok of Deutsche Bank.

"Whether we get another dose of QE announced now is close to a toss-up," they added.

Pressure has been building for new action by the FOMC for months as economic

growth sank to 1.7 percent in the second quarter and looks possible to fall below the 2.0 percent level in the third.

Macroeconomic Advisors said, based on the available data so far, and especially with the impact of the drought across the US Midwest, that economic growth appears to be on a 1.5 percent pace for the third quarter.

But the 12 members of the committee have remained divided on whether the economy is weak enough to merit more action.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear on August 31 that he backs new monetary easing efforts, in a speech to central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

He called growth tepid and honed in on the unemployment rate, which has stayed stuck above 8 percent all year, with little significant reduction in the number of jobless.

"The stagnation of the labor market in particular is a grave concern not only because of the enormous suffering and waste of human talent it entails, but also because persistently high levels of unemployment will wreak structural damage on our economy that could last for many years."

Bernanke's view earned support on Friday when na-

tional data for August showed a poor level of jobs created during the month -- only 96,000 -- and also that some 368,000 people gave up searching for jobs and left the labor force.


At the same venue Bernanke also defended the previous QE programs, including the \$600 billion QE2 bond-buying program of 2010-2011.

Such actions "may have raised the level of output by almost three percent and increased private payroll employment by more than two million jobs, relative to what otherwise would have occurred," he argued.

But some analysts said the FOMC is not likely to go for a third QE operation, at least for the moment.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Netherlands	EUR	227.61	229.68	231.99
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## Finance

### UN warns cuts are wrong way out of crisis

GENEVA (AFP) - The world economy is set to grow only 2.3 percent in 2012 and will stagnate unless salaries increase in industrialised countries and governments reject cutbacks, the United Nations said yesterday.

"A number of developed countries are shifting too soon from economic stimulus measures to government budget cuts," the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a summary of its Trade and Development Report 2012.

Speaking to reporters, Heiner Flassbeck, a former German finance minister and director of UNCTAD's Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, blamed markets for giving the "wrong signal" to governments that wages should fall further.

What is needed is for go-

vernments "to give a strong signal that this must change," he said, adding that more cutbacks when the overall economy is in recession will only increase government deficits in the long-term.

"If you cut wages further it will further destabilise the market and it would go into further recession," he said.

Indexing wages to productivity and inflation targets could serve as criteria to boost incomes, he said.

One of the main problems was the lack of investment by governments afraid of getting into debt, Flassbeck said, likening the current economic situation to that of 1990s low-growth Japan. European countries had built up a "mantra of austerity" led by Germany and other countries in the eurozone were following suit, with fiscal deadlock the result, he said.



**KOLKATA** : An Indian vendor sells vegetables sitting under a truck outside a market in Kolkata on September 12, 2012. The Indian Meteorological Department has backtracked on their projections of monsoon revival, declaring that the country will have "deficient monsoon" in 2012. Monsoon rains are a key factor for global commodities markets, strengthening the output of various crops in India, which could help bring relief to Asia's third-largest economy in its battle with high food prices. (AFP PHOTO)





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## Ex-007 Roger Moore 'beaten up by first two wives'



LONDON (AFP) - Former James Bond actor Roger Moore has claimed he was a victim of domestic violence during his first two marriages, it emerged on Wednesday.

The 84-year-old British star, who first played agent 007 in 1973's "Live and Let Die", said his former wives Doorn Van Steyn and Dorothy Squires subjected him to a string of attacks in both of their doomed marriages.

Van Steyn, an ice skater who married Moore when he was 19, once threw a teapot at him, he told television presenter Piers Morgan in an interview due to be broadcast on Friday.

"She would scratch me," the

longest-running Bond told Morgan's "Life Stories" chat show. "My mother was always petrified when I went home to see that I had more scars."

Moore, who is on his fourth marriage, said that on one occasion Van Steyn had even attacked a doctor who was treating a cut on his hand.

"She said to him, 'Aren't you going to do anything?' and punched him," he recalled. "Which made a change, because normally she punched me."

Moore divorced Van Steyn in 1953 and soon after married Welsh singer Dorothy Squires, whom he described as having "a great temper."

But this marriage was also stormy, and she once hit him over the head with a guitar, he claimed.

The actor went on to divorce Squires in 1968 and married Italian actress Luisa Mattioli the next year. The couple had three children but ended their marriage in 1996.

Moore has been married to Christina Tholstrup, a 71-year-old Scandinavian socialite, since 2002.

Squires died in 1998 and Van Steyn in 2010.

# SONIC LAB 297



Angelo Figueroa

SONIC LAB 297 is a band that started among friends at the beginning of this millennium. The name means: Lab of Aruban Sound.

297 being the international dialing code for Aruba.

Founder and lead singer of SONIC LAB 297, Angelo Figueroa comes from a family with deep musical roots.

His father Oscar Figueroa (RIP) was well known in show business in the decade of the '60s and '70s as the lead singer of his band TM5.

His mother Marta Figueroa was also in the band as a keyboard player and backing vocalist.

In the late 70's Marta founded the singing and dancing group Pierewietje for the children and the youth. In this group, Angelo and his sisters Indrah and Sashah received an extensive musical training doing live performances on TV and in concerts.

Who doesn't remember the great success of the year 78 'Superman Halto Halto' sung by Angelo when he was only 4 years old.

Zoom, Tribulation, When You're Young, Mañana and Still there manage to get high spots on the local radio billboards.

SONIC LAB 297 was honored with the major awards Song of the year 2002 and Band of 2002.

In 2003 Angelo enters the studio of Martin Buitenweg, Earthwalk Studios' for the pre-production of the album 'Papiamento'.

An opportunity presented itself at the end of the year to make recordings in Sterling Audio Studios in the Dominican Republic, once again through the contacts of Hildward Croes.

It is worth mentioning that one of the songs that appears on the album and theme song "Papiamento" is a reggae originally recorded by the late Oscar Figueroa in Papiamento several

to write and compose music.

'Sagas' means stories, but rather stories of life in which each song is a chapter and all songs connect with their intros and outros.

It's something different and new, which will lead to a unique musical journey.

It's a project that lasted very long and with hard work to try to bring the best quality which was not easy.

The cover design was once again in hands of Zen Designs (Darin Henriquez) and was illustrated according to the title: 'Sagas'.

Compositions and lyrics, 13 in total, are Angelo's and Hildward's and lyrics can be seen in



Hildward Croes

the cover's interior.

The mixing was done in Santo Domingo and the mastering in Miami, Florida.

Disc Makers in the United States did the printing of the album.

The three genres, Rock, Reggae and Latin in English and Spanish are the brand of SONIC LAB 297.



After having lived several years in Europe, Angelo returned to Aruba with a concern about forming a band with a different style and so SONIC LAB 297 was born.

In 2001 SONIC LAB 297 produced its first album 'Unfinished Sympathy'.

In 2002, this production which was dedicated to the memory of Oscar Figueroa, became one of the biggest local hits of the year.

Mainly songs like Zoom

decades ago and was merged and adapted into the style of SONIC LAB 297, singing a duet with Angelo using modern time technology to revive the tapes that were discovered in the trunks of Aruba Recording Studio.

Now, in 2012, SONIC LAB 297 is ready to launch its production number 3 entitled: 'Sagas'.

'Sagas' is a project of a couple of years which started when Angelo and Hildward gathered

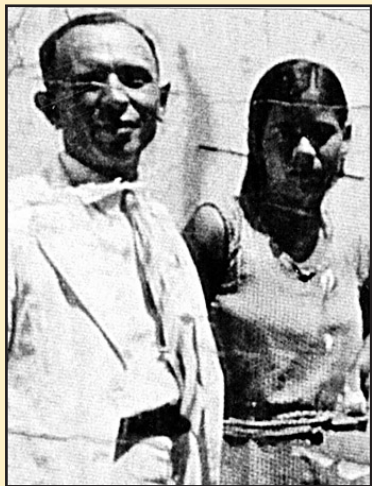
'Sagas' is a product of Aruba which includes Aruban musicians and recorded in different studios in Aruba and it really deserves your support.

'Sagas' was made with much hard work and dedication and will for sure entertain everyone.

SONIC LAB 297 would cordially like to invite you to the launching of the album 'Sagas', this Friday September 14th, 2012 at Cafe Chaos with live performance of SONIC LAB 297.



## La Linda Department Store-where Aruba shops!



**Calman and Anna Hochman**

Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very seriously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immi-

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, decorative items and more.

Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods from



**Comfortable lounges for companions while shopping a vast selection**

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts

all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

For travelers who have perhaps lost their luggage, they can offer a quick fix for all the family which won't break your budget, including some very stylish new suitcases.

A visit to La Linda and perusal of their interesting collection will make anyone understand why it has remained successful all these decades, and is still Aruba's favorite place to shop!



**Unique, quality goods in all departments**

grant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.



**Cheerful and Charming coffee shop to come**

## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



**Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef**



**Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica**

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses: Catch of the Day Aruban Style - shrimp - mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



## SPORTS

## Golf: PGA blame Spanish politics for Andalusia Masters axe

LONDON (AFP) - Next month's Andalusia Masters tournament in southern Spain has been cancelled, the European PGA Tour confirmed on Wednesday.

PGA chief executive George O'Grady said the event was a victim of the economic crisis engulfing Spain, with a change of local government in the region leading to withdrawal of financial support for a tournament due to be played from October 18-21.

The local authorities in Andalusia announced on Monday the competition at the Valde-

rama Golf Club -- won last year by Spain's Sergio Garcia -- would not go ahead, and have now formally confirmed that decision to the European Tour.

The cancellation announcement came amidst concerns over the cost of staging major sports events in Spain because of the country's ongoing financial crisis.

In Valderrama's case, a change of government in Andalusia appears to be behind the cancellation, with the new authority keen to reduce public spending.

O'Grady absolved Valderrama of blame, telling Sky Sports: "This isn't Valderrama's problem. Valderrama has been tremendously helpful and supportive in the political arena."

"This is really (due to) a change of leadership in the area and how they do things."

"We always felt this one would be rescued, and we were prepared to go the extra mile with our own money, whether we cut the prize fund or things like that -- but you can't do it if people won't talk back the other way."

## Mumbai locals force Lewis Hamilton F1 show to move

MUMBAI (AFP) - A noisy display of speed and burning rubber by Formula One star Lewis Hamilton due to take place along Mumbai's iconic Marine Drive has been shifted after complaints from residents in the upmarket area.

The British driver, currently second in the F1 championship, was to roar down the street along the Mumbai coast on Sunday evening at a sponsorship event ahead of the Singapore Grand Prix later this month.

But local residents, who include some of the city's multimillionaires, have forced the action to be moved to the Bandra Kurla Complex in the northern suburbs of the city.

The Marine Drive Council, an umbrella group of residents' associations, expressed fears that the "advertising stunt" could lead to "rampant commercial use" of the road.

"Marine Drive is not a race track and no race should ever be held on it," said a letter signed by Ashok Rao, council president.

"There's been a lot of accidents on the road because of rash driving and Lewis Hamilton will only encourage that," Rao told AFP.

He also said the noise pollution and disruption were unsuitable in an area for which they are trying to obtain UNESCO heritage status.

"We have nothing against Lewis Hamilton. We would like to protect the area, that's it," he said.

Organisers of the "Vodafone Speed Fest" said they had decided to shift the venue out of respect for locals' concerns.



RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian bodyboarder Luiz Cesar competes in the Rio Bodyboarding International 2012, professionals men championship, 2012 IBA World Championship Tour, at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on September 12, 2012.

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PHILADELPHIA : Starting pitcher Josh Johnson #55 of the Miami Marlins delivers a pitch during the game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park yesterday, Philadelphia won from Miami 9 - 7 .

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## Football: Bayern's Hoeness criticises FIFA scheduling

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness on Wednesday criticised football's world governing body FIFA for allowing so many international matches to be played this early in the season.

"It is a joke that we are only in mid-September and have only played two league matches but have already had to play three internationals. It's ridiculous," the outspoken Hoeness told German Sky Sport News.

The Bavarian club's chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has previously gone public with his displeasure at the number of international dates on the FIFA calendar, an issue which has created rifts in the past between the Bundesliga and the German Football Fed-

eration (DFB).

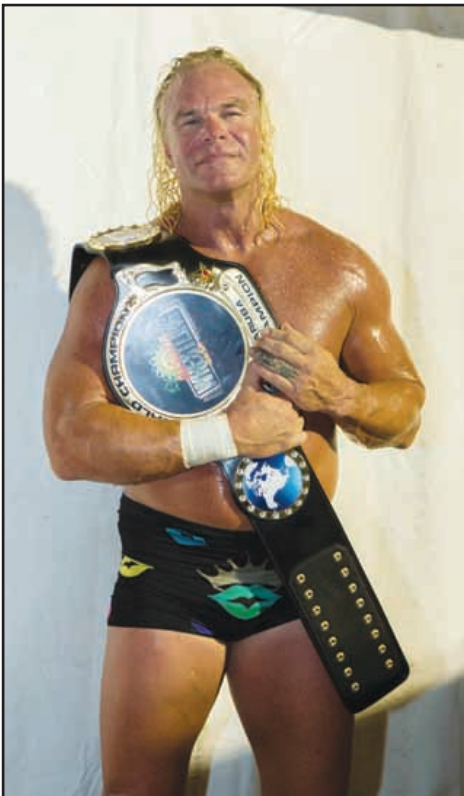
Germany lost 3-1 at home to Argentina in a friendly in mid-August, and then opened up their 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign with two wins against the Faroe Islands (3-0) and Austria (2-1) in the last week.

The Bundesliga was one of the last major leagues in Europe to restart this season, with the opening game played on August 24.





## Billy Gunn takes the Aruba belt in the first installment of Caribbean Wrestling Bash "The Legends"



Aruban champ Billy 'Gun courtesy of Kenny Theysen

Aruba enjoyed a weekend of live wrestling action this past weekend for the debut during the debut of the Caribbean Wrestling Bash "The Legends Tour." Aptly named, legendary pros battled it on in the arena at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas for the big belt declaring them the Aruba Wrestling Bash

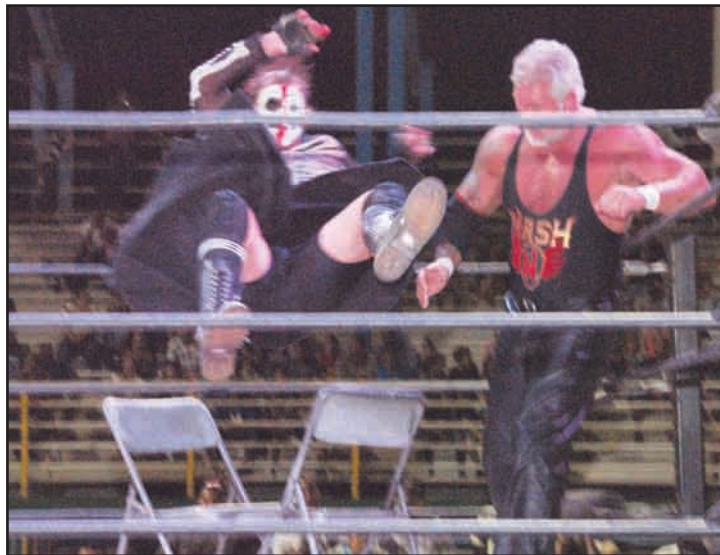
Champion.

Commentary was provided by veteran promoter and WWE commissioner, Rev Steel. Visiting wrestling stars included Kevin Nash, who also contributed to organizing the event, along with local promoters. Joining him on the mat were Scott Steiner, Divas Angelina Love and Velvet Sky, Curacao wrestler Bas Kunder, who took quite a beating from Rhino during the final Sunday playoffs, and rising young star Scott Hall, who defeated feisty Chasyn Rance during the first

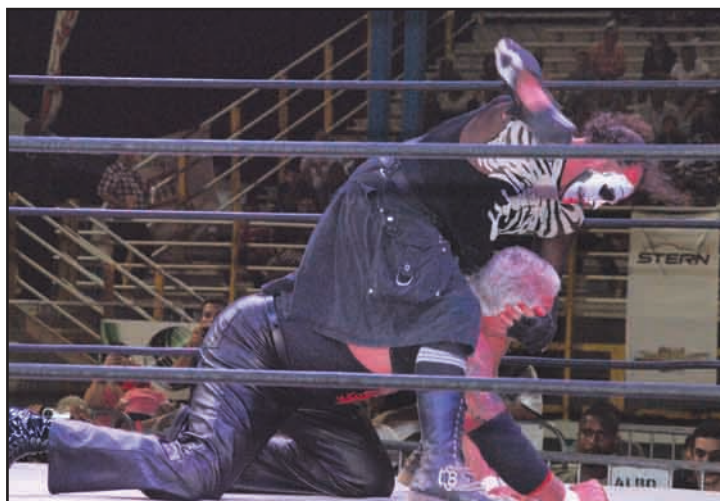
son, demonstrated the bigger man was still the better. Gracing the Caribbean Bash were also Hall of Famers "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, in full Scottish regalia, and Jerry "The King" Lawler, who only fought with words and wit, providing entertainment for all. Local promoters Jonathan Tromp and Howard Ian Lejuez report they were proud to bring live, world class wrestling back to Aruba after 20 years.

Ten-time World Tag Team champion Billy Gunn defeated Scott Steiner to take the Aruba title; and Sean "X-Pac" Waltman claimed the Caribbean Champion Belt.

The excitement, drama and comedy of live wrestling livened up Aruba last weekend; promoters promised it will be the first of many such tournaments, as the "The



Nash sends crimson flying



Crimson on top



X Pac caribbean champ and Billy Gunn courtesy of Kenny Theysen



Rhino and Bas Kunder

match of the last night.

An unscheduled and impromptu rematch between Kevin Hall, who had suffered defeat on Saturday to Krim-

Legends" Caribbean Tour plans to make Aruba their base of operations for the region.

by Rosalie Klein

Roddy Piper in regalia



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## British PM sorry for Hillsborough disaster 'injustice'

LONDON (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron apologised Wednesday to families of the 96 Hillsborough football stadium disaster victims after a probe found police tried to blame fans for the 1989 tragedy.

Cameron told parliament the victims had suffered a "double injustice" from official failings that led to fans being crushed in Britain's worst sporting tragedy and then from police attempts to impugn the dead.

He was speaking after the seven-member Hillsborough Independent Panel led by the Bishop of Liverpool published a report following an exhaustive review of thousands of formerly secret documents.

The disaster was caused by massive overcrowding in the Leppings Lane End of Hillsborough stadium in the northern English city of Sheffield at the 1989 FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

To ease overcrowding outside, police opened an exit gate, allowing supporters to flood into the central pens. Fenced in, fans were crushed to death.

Lawmakers gasped as Cameron said the panel found that police repeatedly tried to cover up evidence of their own failings following the disaster in a bid to make it look as if fans were at fault.

Police "significantly amended" 164 statements, in-

cluding the removal of 116 negative comments about the leadership of the police, he said.

By analysing post-mortem reports, the panel found 41 people could potentially have been revived had the emergency services taken more prompt action.

Cameron said the attorney general would now review the "deeply distressing" report to decide whether to apply to the high court to quash an original, flawed inquest into the tragedy.

## Congolese Olympic, Paralympic delegates seek UK asylum

KINSHASA (AFP) - Six members of the Democratic Republic of Congo's Olympic and Paralympic teams are seeking asylum in Britain, citing political and rights abuses in their country, an official said Wednesday.

Lawyer Patrick Pindi, who heads a Congolese association for disabled people, said three members of the Olympic delegation, a Paralympic committee official and two disabled athletes "don't want to go home."

The three Olympic delegates -- judo trainer Blaise Bekwa, athletics coach Guy Nkita and boxing coach Adelaar Ibula -- have been missing since the Olympic Games finished August 12.

Pindu said the disabled athletes -- Dedeline Mibamba and Levy Kitambala -- and the delegation official, Robert Dikazolele, had called him on September 7 to tell him they would not return to DR Congo.

"They told me that the country is in a state of insecurity, that there is bad governance and gruesome rights violations," he said, adding that the delegates said disabled people are treated without respect and political opponents are mistreated.

Pindu said his organisation deplored Mibamba and Kitambala's decision.

"I had said to them that it was the first time that people living with handicaps had taken part in such an important international event and that it would be better if they came home," Pindu said.

He added that he warned the athletes their decision could impact future competitors trying to secure visas.

"But apparently our advice was in vain," he said. "They have chosen their path."

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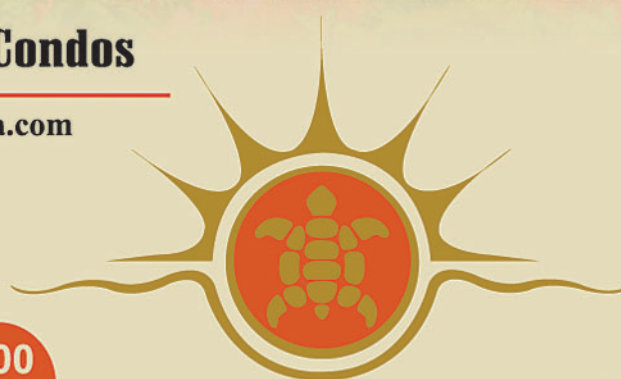
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